

Where Do I Begin?

If you are looking for a job, the Department of Social Services may be able to help. We offer a number of services to assist you in your job search including: information on the type of jobs available in your area; what skills are needed to get those jobs; and, how to link to local training providers to build the skills you need to compete. We can provide classes to help you prepare for employment and information on how to make the most of a job interview. For those eligible, we offer work support services, like childcare and transportation and can pay for one-time work related expenses to get you started.

In addition to these services, DSS is part of an employment and training partnership that can offer you a broad spectrum of services and resources, all in one place – your local **One-Stop Workforce Center**.

What is a One-Stop Workforce Center ?

These Centers are part of the 1998 Workforce Investment Act that created 12 local workforce investment areas in South Carolina, designed to develop employment and training activities to meet your needs, in your community. Each area offers a comprehensive Center with as many as 10-12 different agencies/providers, on-site to help you meet your career goals. The partners at your local Center may include representatives from the Workforce Investment Area, Employment Security Commission, Department of Social Services, local technical schools, Adult Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Job Corps, and, Veterans Administration and Telamon Corporation that works with migrant and seasonal farm workers.

What Services Can I Get There ?

Services available from the partners are divided into three categories:

Core Services — Includes determining eligibility, orientation of services available, initial career assessment, job search and job placement assistance, supportive services (childcare, transportation, job-related expenses), financial aid information for continuing education, like Pell Grants, and follow-up services.

Intensive Services — Includes tools and assistance to help you learn about your skill levels, help to develop an individual job plan, case management services, and short-term pre-job services.

Training Services — Includes job readiness training, skills upgrading and retraining, on-the-job training, private sector training, customized training, skill training for specific jobs, Adult Education and literacy activities.



Getting Connected

How do you access all these resources? Just visit your local One-Stop Workforce Center. For more information or to locate the center nearest you, call toll-free 1-866-SC1-STOP (721-7867) or on the Internet at www.sconestop.org.

Get connected to the employment and training resources you need to make your career goal a reality.

Need a Job? Make the Connection!

South Carolina Employment Security Commission
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